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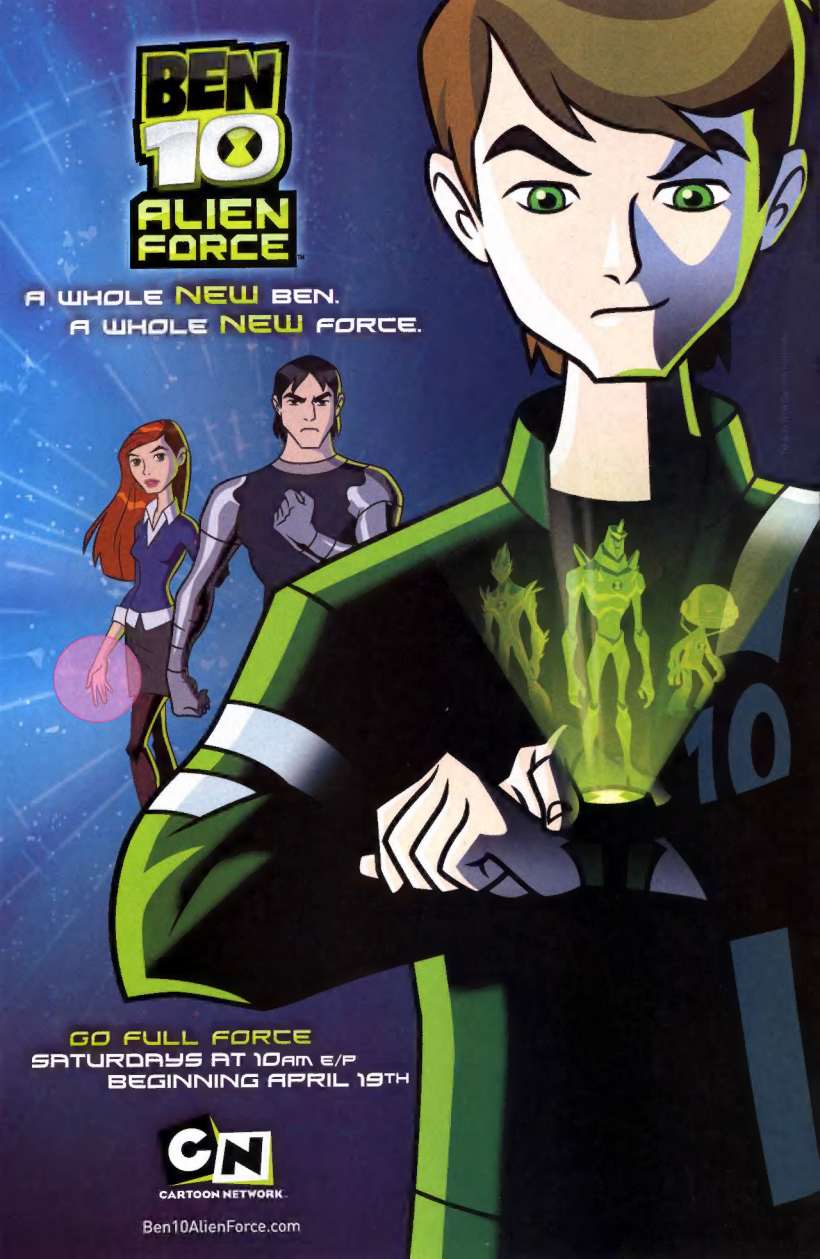
THE SAVAGE LAND, RIGHT NOW
HUUAAARRRGGAARR!

FOOOM!
HUAARGAR!
HUAARRGAARR!
WELL, THIS IS JUST GREAT!
CHUNK
HUAARRGAARR!

CRACK
OW.
CRACK
OW.
OW.
AND... OW.
FARUMP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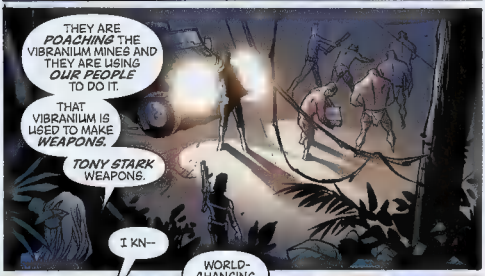
MONTHS AGO.
HEY...
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
HUNTING.
FOR THREE DAYS?
WHERE'D YOU THINK I WAS?
NEXT TIME I'LL CALL.
WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW, DID I?
BUDDA BUDDA
GUNS.

OH MY...
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

OH MY GOD...
HOLD, ZABU, HOLD.
THEY HAVE GUNS AND THEY ARE MANY.
RRR...

THEY'RE POACHING THE VIBRANIUM MINES.
S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS? THOSE $*%$$.
FURY WOULD NEVER BETRAY US LIKE THIS.
WELL HE IS.
HE OWES ME.
HONEY, HE BETRAYED YOU.

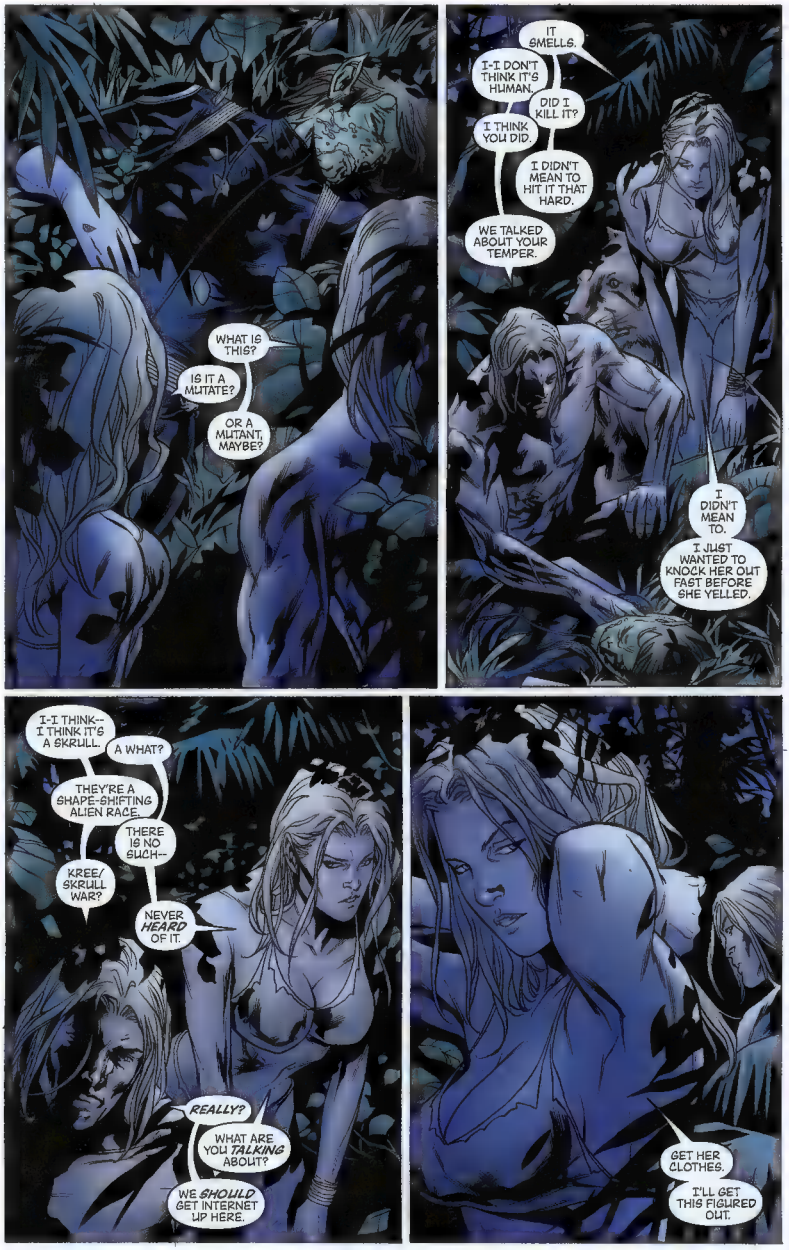

THEY ARE POACHING THE VIBRANIUM MINES AND THEY ARE USING OUR PEOPLE TO DO IT.
THAT VIBRANIUM IS USED TO MAKE WEAPONS.
TONY STARK WEAPONS.
I KN--

WORLD-CHANGING WEAPONS.
AND THEY ARE TAKING IT-- EVEN THOUGH WORLD LAWS HAVE BEEN PASSED TO STOP THAT FROM EVER HAPPENING.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT? THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE, REALLY, IS WHAT TOOK THEM SO LONG?
IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

BLAM

LET'S GO.

LEFT QUADRANT PERIMETER SECURE. OVER.
OVER.
MM--
RUUSSL4LEE
SKRACK
SHANNA?
I DIDN'T DO THAT...


WHAT IS THIS?
IS IT A MUTATE?
OR A MUTANT, MAYBE?
IT SMELLS.
I-I DON'T THINK IT'S HUMAN.
DID I KILL IT?
I THINK YOU DID.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT IT THAT HARD.
WE TALKED ABOUT YOUR TEMPER.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO.
I JUST WANTED TO KNOCK HER OUT FAST BEFORE SHE YELLED.
I-I THINK-- I THINK IT'S A SKRULL.
A WHAT?
THEY'RE A SHAPE-SHIFTING ALIEN RACE.
THERE IS NO SUCH--
KREE/ SKRULL WAR?
NEVER HEARD OF IT.
REALLY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE SHOULD GET INTERNET UP HERE.
GET HER CLOTHES.
I'LL GET THIS FIGURED OUT.

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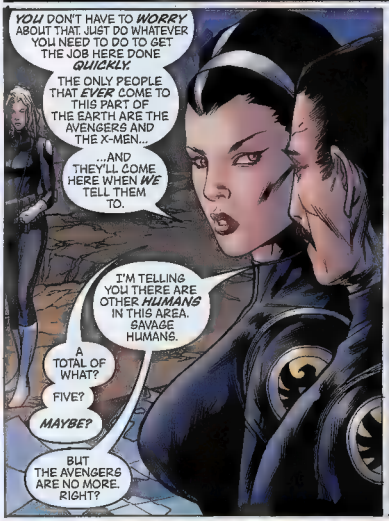
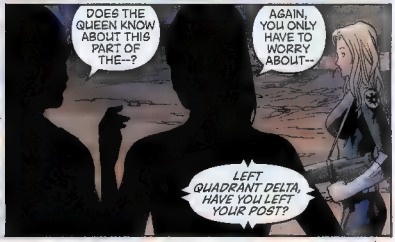
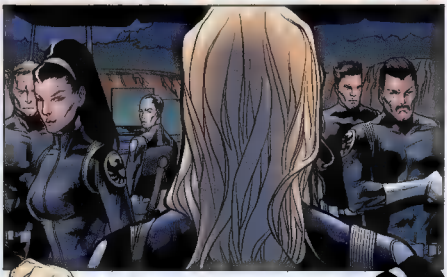
LEFT QUADRANT PERIMETER STATUS? OVER.
UH, LEFT QUADRANT PERIMETER SECURE. OVER.
OVER.
I KNOW.
PICK UP THE SHOVEL.
MURR...
THIS. THIS IS A SHOVEL. PICK IT UP.
MAAH!
SHO-VEL.
MUUGG!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. JUST DO WHATEVER YOU NEED TO DO TO GET THE JOB HERE DONE QUICKLY.
THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT EVER COME TO THIS PART OF THE EARTH ARE THE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN...
...AND THEY'LL COME HERE WHEN WE TELL THEM TO.
I'M TELLING YOU THERE ARE OTHER HUMANS IN THIS AREA. SAVAGE HUMANS.
A TOTAL OF WHAT?
FIVE?
MAYBE?
BUT THE AVENGERS ARE NO MORE. RIGHT?

WE HAVE AGENTS INSIDE THE NEW AVENGERS. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
NEW AVENGERS?
YOU HAVE ALL THE WEAPONS YOU NEED, ALL THE NUMBERS YOU NEED, AND FOR THE HEAVY LIFTING YOU HAVE THESE... THINGS.


DOES THE QUEEN KNOW ABOUT THIS PART OF THE--?
AGAIN, YOU ONLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT--
LEFT QUADRANT DELTA, HAVE YOU LEFT YOUR POST?

HELLO.
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?



WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE, DARLIN'?

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
AAGSH!
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
SHE NEVER LISTENS.

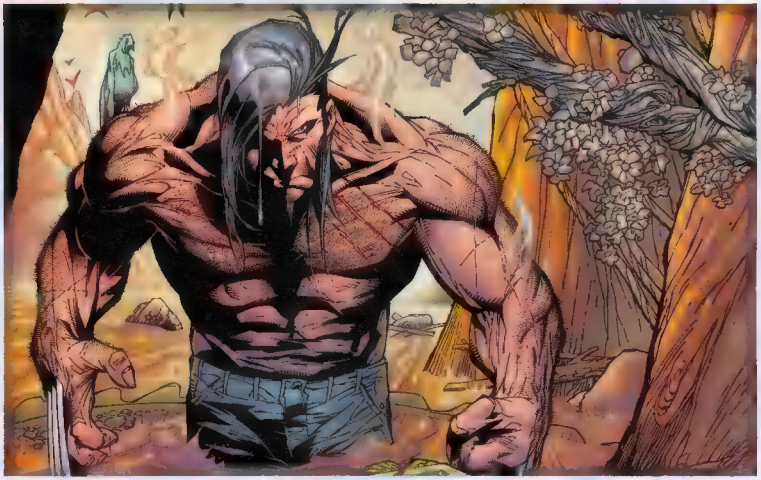
"Listen, it's all connected."

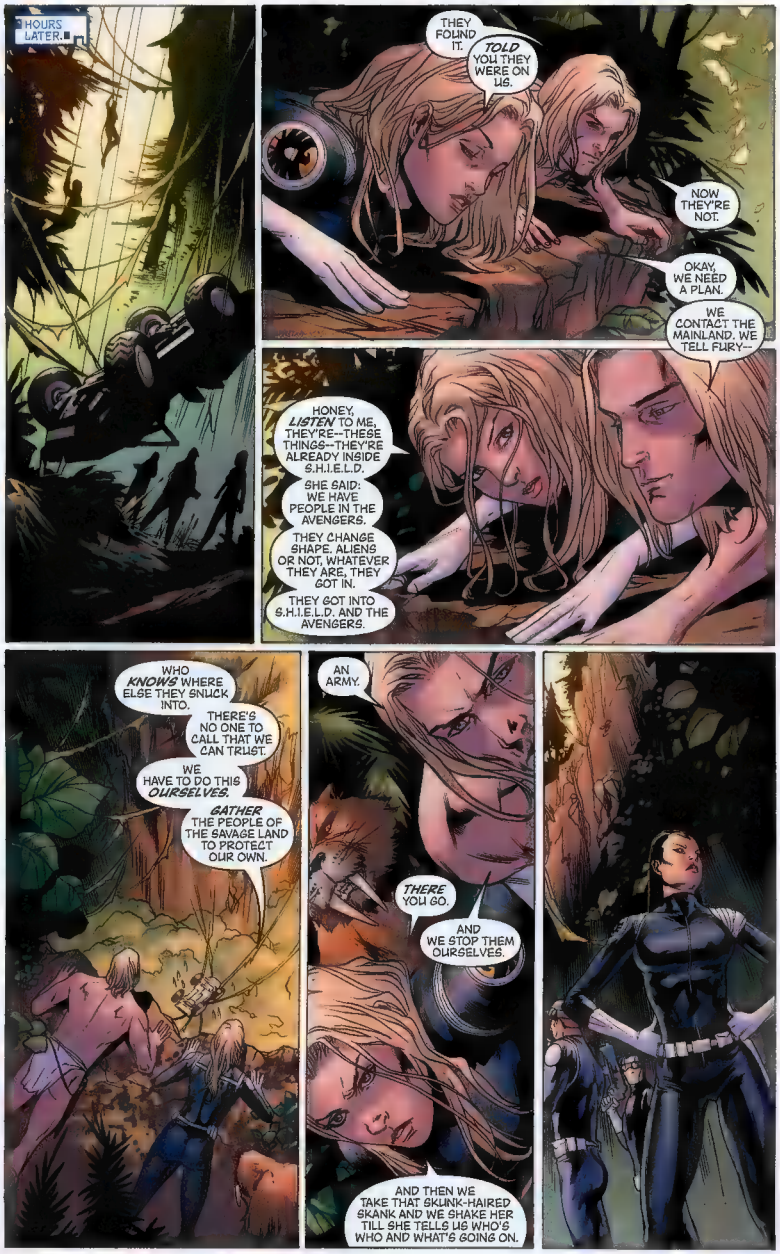
DO NOT LET HER--
AGH!
DON'T CHANGE FORM!
BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA CLICK
TAKE HER DOWN!
DO NOT KILL IT!
CLICK CLICK CLICK
OFF THE JEEP!
HUURREAA!
SPAK
YOU MOVE AND WE WILL PUT YOU DOWN!
GET DOWN FROM THERE!
FORGET IT!
PUT HER DOWN!
NOW!

"That's it."

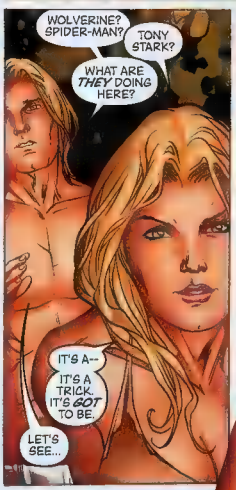
KRAAOUUAARK!
BUDDA BUDDA
AAGGH!!
BUDDA BUDDA
AAGGH!
SHUK
BUDDA BUDDA
LET'S GO! NOW!
BUDDA BUDDA
KRAAOUUAARK!
VROOM
DON'T LOSE IT!

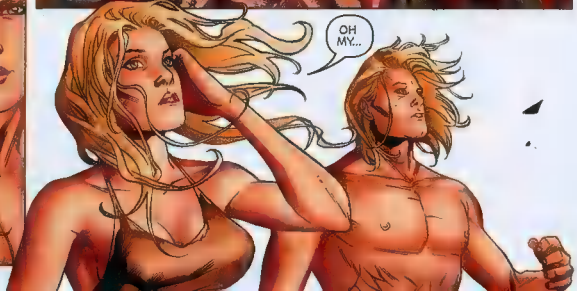
"That's the secret!"




HOURS LATER.
THEY FOUND IT.
TOLD YOU THEY WERE ON US.
NOW THEY'RE NOT.
OKAY, WE NEED A PLAN.
WE CONTACT THE MAINLAND. WE TELL FURY--
HONEY, LISTEN TO ME, THEY'RE--THESE THINGS--THEY'RE ALREADY INSIDE S.H.I.E.L.D.
SHE SAID: WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THE AVENGERS.
THEY CHANGE SHAPE. ALIENS OR NOT, WHATEVER THEY ARE, THEY GOT IN.
THEY GOT INTO S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THE AVENGERS.
WHO KNOWS WHERE ELSE THEY SNUCK INTO.
THERE'S NO ONE TO CALL THAT WE CAN TRUST.
WE HAVE TO DO THIS OURSELVES.
GATHER THE PEOPLE OF THE SAVAGE LAND TO PROTECT OUR OWN.
AN ARMY.
THERE YOU GO.
AND WE STOP THEM OURSELVES.
AND THEN WE TAKE THAT SKUNK-HAIRED SKANK AND WE SHAKE HER TILL SHE TELLS US WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S GOING ON.

FERLINE MADAMA?
YES. WE'LL ATTACK FROM THREE SIDES.
VASOOL!?
I KNOW WHAT THEY *LOOK* LIKE, BUT I'M TELLING YOU THOSE THINGS ARE NOT FROM THIS EARTH.
SHANIN! CATUNILANA...
I KNOW, BUT IT'S A FIGHT WE MUST--
WAIT, LOOK!


WOLVERINE? SPIDER-MAN?
TONY STARK?
WHAT ARE *THEY* DOING HERE?
IT'S A--
IT'S A TRICK. IT'S *GOT* TO BE.
LET'S SEE...


OH MY...

"Listen, it's all connected. That's it. That's the secret!"
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I WAS THERE THAT DAY.
THAT WAS A SQUIRRELLY DAY.
I DIDN'T SEE ANY SKRULLS, THOUGH.
ALL I KNOW IS WHEN WE, THE AVENGERS, WERE HERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE, WE SAW S.H.I.E.L.D. DOING WHAT THEY WERE DOING...
...AND BEFORE WE COULD DEAL WITH IT, WE WERE ATTACKED BY S.H.I.E.L.D.
IF NOT FOR IRON MAN... THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT.
AND NO, I--WE NEVER GOT ANY ANSWERS ABOUT THAT DAY. NONE OF US DID.
IT WOULD SEEM THEY SUCCEEDED IN COVERING UP YOUR FINDING WHAT WE FOUND.
CAPTAIN AMERICA, BEFORE HE DIED, HE THOUGHT IT WAS SOME REBELLIOUS FACTION IN S.H.I.E.L.D. THAT WAS TRYING TO KILL US.
THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING ROTTEN GOING ON WITH S.H.I.E.L.D.
IF ONLY.
HONEY, YOU'RE BEING A LITTLE TOO TRUSTING HERE.
INSTINCTS.
HONEY...
SKRULLS WERE MINING VIBRANIUM HERE.
AND THEN TRIED TO KILL US HERE.
KA-ZAR OR SKRULL-ZAR... WHICHEVER ONE YOU ARE...
NOW YOU'RE HERE DOING, I DON'T KNOW WHAT.
THERE'S PIECES MISSING TO YOUR STORY.
AND ALL OF A SUDDEN I FEEL THAT FEELING...
YOU'RE FIBBING.
I SWEAR ON THE HONOR OF MY FATHER THAT WHAT I AM SAYING IS--
RRRRRRRRR!

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF HONOR?
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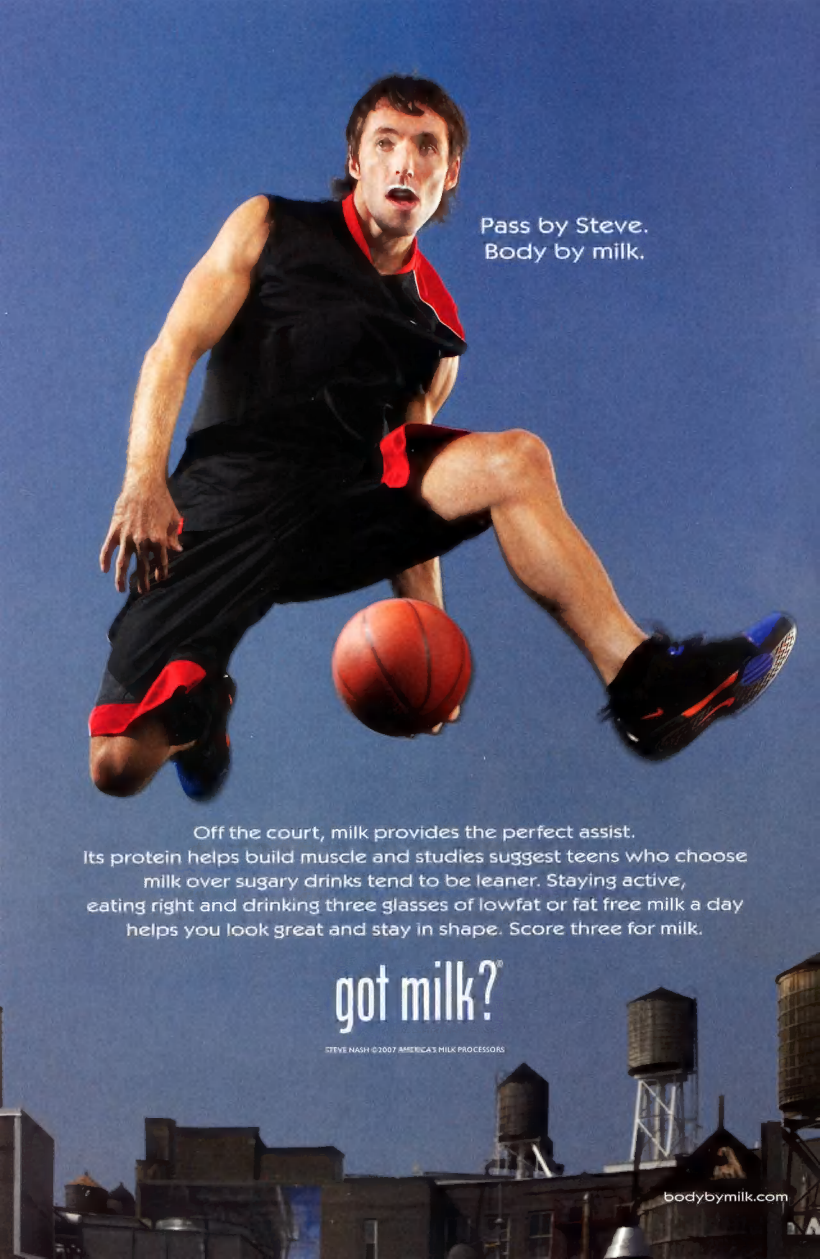
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KA-ZAR?
SPIDER-MAN.
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT YOU SKRULLS... I'LL GIVE YOU THIS...
YOU SURE DO KNOW YOUR SUPER HERO TRIVIA. I MEAN, KA-ZAR NOW...
SKRULLS?
SKRULLS? YOU THINK WE'RE--
COME ON!
SHAPE-SHIFTING ALIEN RACE. I TOLD YOU.
I KNOW, BUT SERIOUSLY?
I TOLD YOU.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, CUT THE CRAP, SKRULL-ZAR.
WHAT IS--?
IT'S CUTE YOU WENT TO ALL THIS TROUBLE, BUT I'M NOT A CHIMP--
WHAT IS GOING ON?
OKAY. I'LL ADMIT...
...I THOUGHT ONE OF YOU POSING AS ME WHEN I HAD THE COSTUME WITH THE WEB-PITS WAS INVENTIVE.
EMBARRASSING? SURE. IT WAS LIKE LOOKING AT MYSELF WEARING A LEISURE SUIT.
BUT NOW YOU WENT AND TURNED YOURSELVES INTO A KA-ZAR AND A SHEENA.
SHANNA.
AH AHA AH. CAUGHT YOU, IT'S SHEENA.
SHANNA.
I KNOW MY NAME.
SHEENA!
DO YOU?
ARE YOU HAVING A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN?
YES!
YOU THINK WE'RE THE SKRULLS?
HEY, I HAVE A QUESTION... WHO CHOOSES WHICH ONE OF YOU SHAPE-SHIFTS INTO WHAT?
I MEAN, WHO GETS TO BE THE KITTY?
WHAT ARE YOU--HONEY, TAKE CARE OF THIS...
WE'RE NOT SKRULLS.
WE'RE FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES OUT HERE. WE'RE UNDER SIEGE.
UH-HUH.
WHAT-WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?

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